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Solid Waste Helpful Information and Relocation of Recycling Center

Kerrville, Texas (June 29, 2015) – With the rollout of the new solid waste services, the City of Kerrville Public Works Department would like to offer some information and a few helpful tips. Carts are still in the process of being delivered. If you have not received your carts, please call the Solid Waste Division at (830) 258-1223. You may continue to place your trash as you normally do following the new schedule until you receive your new carts. This also applies to your recycling services. Once all carts have been distributed, all items must be placed within the cart. Items outside the carts will not be picked up.

Cart Placement:

- Carts should be placed on the street, not the lawn, sidewalk, or curb.
- Please place all carts at least three (3) feet away from objects such as mailboxes and other carts, and five (5) feet away from vehicles. Multiple carts are to be placed side by side (and at least three (3) feet apart), not behind one another.
- Where possible, a 16 foot clearance from trees and power lines should be considered.

- In order for the truck to be able to access the carts, please place the cart with the handles facing your home and the metal bar facing the street.
- If you would like your former trash containers discarded, simply place the sticker that came with your new cart on the old containers. You may also place your old container inside the new cart for disposal, if it fits. Republic Services will be collecting the labeled containers.

Bulky Waste

There are four bulky waste opportunities per year which include two bulky waste pickups and two vouchers for free bulky waste drop-off at the transfer station. The next bulky waste curbside pickup is scheduled for October 2015. A voucher for the free bulky waste drop off at the landfill begins on July 1st. The voucher may be picked up at the Water Records Office at City Hall, and must be used no later than September 2015. Please reference the bulky waste schedule provided in the recent mailers or online at www.kerrvilletx.gov as dates are specific to address route service days.

Bulky waste items include residential appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, furniture, and other items not regularly picked up during weekly collections. Refrigerators, freezers, and A/C units are allowed only if the refrigerant has been reclaimed, and the unit has been tagged by a licensed technician. Be advised that brush is only allowed during the quarter in which you may take items to the transfer station. Brush will not be collected curbside during bulky waste collections.

Residential Curbside Recycling

The new program is designed to make recycling efforts easier and more convenient. Each recycle cart comes with a label affixed with easy to follow instructions on how to recycle. Following these simple measures will help to ensure proper recycling practices and minimize contaminating recycling loads. Contaminated loads wind up in the landfill instead of a recycling facility.

Glass

Glass is still accepted as part of the curbside recycling program for the time being. Locating recycling centers that accept glass is becoming increasingly difficult due to market conditions. Unfortunately, the City may be forced to eliminate glass from the collection at some point in the future.

Recycling Center Relocation

Beginning July 1, 2015, the Recycling Center will be relocating to the Transfer Station / Landfill, 3315 Loop 534. A drop off site adjacent to the existing Transfer Station has been provided. Recycling dumpsters are provided to allow citizens the opportunity to unload their recyclables. "The City has increased recycling opportunities for residents by switching to a cart system that eliminates the 18 gallon bin and introduces the new 45 and 95 gallon carts. This eliminates the need to transport any excess recyclables to the current site," said David Barrera, Solid Waste and Environmental Specialist. "In addition, there will not be any sorting required, and citizens can simply place all items into a recycling dumpster. We will eliminate a significant operating cost and still provide the baseline service for recyclables to be

dropped off at the new site.” This service is available to all city and county residents. The City of Kerrville will continue to cover 100% of the cost for this service and will not charge a user fee. Hours of operation for drop off have increased to Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4:50 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; and closed on Sunday.

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